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Ms. Victoria Rutson, Chief
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Re: Docket No. AB-384 (Sub-No. 2X), *Delta Southern Railroad, Inc. -- Abandonment Exemption -- in East Carroll Parish, LA*

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Hereby transmitted is a copy of an environmental comment in behalf of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Business and Community Outreach Division, i.e., "no objections".

Very truly yours,



Thomas F. McFarland
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cc: Mr. William Wainright, *by U.S. mail*

From: mcfarland@aol.com

To: Beth.Dixon@LA.GOV

Subject: Re: DEQ SOV 101027/2250 Delta Southern Railroad-Draft Environmental and Historic Report

Date: Thu, Nov 18, 2010 3:25 pm

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Thanks for your timely response.

Tom McFarland

-----Original Message-----

From: Beth Altazan-Dixon <Beth.Dixon@LA.GOV>

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Sent: Thu, Nov 18, 2010 3:10 pm

Subject: DEQ SOV 101027/2250 Delta Southern Railroad-Draft Environmental and Historic Report

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RE: 101027/2250 Delta Southern Railroad-Draft Environmental and Historic Report
Privately funded by Delta Railroad
East Carroll Parish

Dear Mr. McFarland:

The Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), Business and Community Outreach Division has received your request for comments on the above referenced project.

After reviewing your request, the department has no objections based on the information provided in your submittal. However, for your information, the following general comments have been included. Please be advised that if you should encounter a problem during the implementation of this project, you should immediately notify LDEQ's Single-Point-of-contact (SPOC) at (225) 219-3640.

- Please take any necessary steps to obtain and/or update all necessary approvals and environmental permits regarding this proposed project.
- If your project results in a discharge to waters of the state, submittal of a Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) application may be necessary.
- If the project results in a discharge of wastewater to an existing wastewater treatment system, that wastewater treatment system may need to modify its LPDES permit before accepting the additional wastewater.
- All precautions should be observed to control nonpoint source pollution from construction activities. LDEQ has stormwater general permits for construction areas equal to or greater than one acre. It is recommended that you contact the LDEQ Water Permits Division at (225) 219-3181 to determine if your proposed project requires a permit.
- If your project will include a sanitary wastewater treatment facility, a Sewage Sludge and Biosolids Use or Disposal Permit application or Notice of Intent must be submitted no later than June 1, 2011. Additional information may be obtained on the LDEQ website at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2296/Default.aspx> or by contacting the LDEQ Water Permits Division at (225) 219- 3181.
- If any of the proposed work is located in wetlands or other areas subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, you should contact the Corps directly regarding permitting issues. If a Corps permit is required, part of the application process may involve a water quality certification from LDEQ.
- All precautions should be observed to protect the groundwater of the region.

- Please be advised that water softeners generate wastewaters that may require special limitations depending on local water quality considerations. Therefore if your water system improvements include water softeners, you are advised to contact the LDEQ Water Permits to determine if special water quality-based limitations will be necessary.
- Any renovation or remodeling must comply with LAC 33:III.Chapter 28, Lead-Based Paint Activities; LAC 33:III.Chapter 27, Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools and State Buildings (includes all training and accreditation); and LAC 33:III.5151, Emission Standard for Asbestos for any renovations or demolitions.
- If any solid or hazardous wastes, or soils and/or groundwater contaminated with hazardous constituents are encountered during the project, notification to LDEQ's Single-Point-of-Contact (SPOC) at (225) 219-3640 is required. Additionally, precautions should be taken to protect workers from these hazardous constituents.

Currently, East Carroll Parish is classified as attainment with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards and has no general conformity determination obligations.

Please send all future requests to my attention. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (225) 219-3958 or by email at beth.dixon@la.gov.

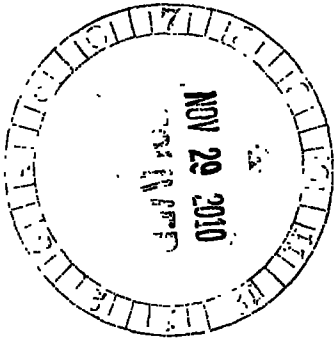
Sincerely,



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